



Department of Housing and Community Development

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Guiding the Future: Input for Virginia's Consolidated Plan



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Today's Agenda

- I. **Getting to Know You** – Amy Fottrell; Policy Analyst
- II. **The Consolidated Planning Process** – Lyndsi Austin; Associate Director, Policy
- III. **Community Development Needs Assessment** – Lyndsi Austin; Associate Director, Policy
- IV. **Federal Resources: CDBG** – Amanda Healy; Associate Director, PAAO
- V. **Your Thoughts on CDBG** – Amanda Healy; Associate Director, PAAO
- VI. **Comments, Questions, & Feedback!**



Practice: What's your favorite ice cream flavor?

- A. Chocolate
- B. Vanilla
- C. Strawberry
- D. Mint Chocolate Chip
- E. Cookies 'n crème
- F. Other
- G. No dairy for me!



What region of Virginia best describes where your organization is focused?

- A. Statewide
- B. Central
- C. Eastern
- D. Hampton Roads
- E. Northern
- F. Southside
- G. Southwest
- H. Valley
- I. West Central
- J. Other/Not Applicable





What type of organization do you represent?

- A. Local Government
- B. Housing Developer
- C. Service Provider
- D. Other – let us know in the chat!



What is the Consolidated Plan?

- Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requirement
- Every 5 years DHCD asks “What needs are present in Virginia?”
 - Affordable Housing
 - Homelessness
 - Non-Homeless Special Needs Housing
 - Non-Housing Community Development
- Every year DHCD submits an Annual Action Plan



Who completes the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan?

- Completed by the state or localities that receive funds directly from HUD
- DHCD completes the Virginia plan for these federal resources



What's included?

- A needs assessment, a strategic plan, and annual goals
- Focuses on housing, homelessness, and community development
- Includes public input and feedback from service providers, housing developers, other state agencies, localities and continua of care



DHCD is currently seeking input on:

- **2023 – 2028 Consolidated Plan**
- **First Annual Action Plan**
 - July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

Covering the funds DHCD spends from:

- **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)**
- HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME)
- National Housing Trust Fund (NHTF)
- Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)
- Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)



Virtual Input Sessions



Monday, January 30, 2023

2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Focus: Community Development (CDBG)



Tuesday, January 31, 2023

11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Focus: Housing Development (HOME, NHTF)



Wednesday, February 1, 2023

3 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Focus: Homeless Services (HOPWA, ESG)

Consolidated Plan Timeline

January – February
2023

Focused Input Sessions

April 14, 2023

Drafts Posted for Written Public Comments

- 2023 - 2028 Consolidated Plan
- First Annual Action Plan (July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024)

April 21, 2023

Virtual Public Hearing

May 15, 2023

Public Comment Period Closes

May 18, 2023

DHCD Submits Plans to HUD



What is the focus of this Input Session?

- Virginia uses CDBG funds to advance the following national objectives:
 - **Low- and moderate-income benefit**
 - **Slum and blight elimination**
 - **Urgent community development needs**
- Primarily getting your thoughts on 'Eligible Uses' like:
 - Public Infrastructure
 - Business District Revitalization
 - Economic Development





How can you provide input?

Today's session, and then:

- Submit Written Comments (due by May 15, 2023)
 - Submit via email: catherine.farnsler@dhcd.virginia.gov
 - Online at <https://www.dhcd.virginia.gov/consolidated-plan>
 - Scan the QR code to go submit comments
- Attend Public Hearing (Friday, April 21, 2023 @ 10:00 am)
- Spread the word and encourage others to provide input!





Submitting Input Online

Go to [dhcd.Virginia.gov/consolidated-plan](https://dhcd.virginia.gov/consolidated-plan)



CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

DHCD values input in developing its Consolidated Planning Process. DHCD's Citizen Participation Plan is listed below, along with a link to provide input.

- [Submit Feedback on the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan](#)
- [HOME ARP Draft Allocation Plan](#)



Community Development Needs Assessment



Key Findings

Needs Assessment Methodology:

- HUD asks DHCD to examine data from American Community Survey (ACS), the Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS), and other sources
- DHCD uses the data to understand the nature and extent of homeless needs in Virginia
- These findings enable DHCD to inform HUD of the needs that the federal funding will be used to address

900,000+

Virginia households reside in substandard housing units

In 2022, the Commonwealth of Virginia's wastewater infrastructure received a

D+

from the American Society of Civil Engineers

461,000

locations in Virginia still lack access to high-speed broadband internet



Based on these Key Findings, past priorities were:

Provide financial and technical assistance and support for:

- Comprehensive improvement in residential areas
- Development, rehabilitation or expansion of business at industrial sites and facilities
- Revitalization of business districts
- Development of entrepreneurial assistance programs
- Construction of community facilities
- New or the expansion of community services





Historic Community Development Goals

Reduce the number of substandard housing units

Increase the number of small businesses

Increase the number of jobs created or retained

Increase the number of households with access to safe and sanitary water or wastewater

Increase access to community service facilities for the provision or new or expanded services (i.e. healthcare, childcare, workforce development)



Federal Resources

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)



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Awarded to states and qualifying metropolitan areas annually on a formula basis

DHCD awards grants to non-entitlement localities in Virginia

CDBG resources must be utilized to fund:

- **Low- and moderate-income benefit**
- **Slum and blight elimination**
- **Urgent community development needs**





CDBG Eligible Activities

- **Housing Rehabilitation**
 - Limited project area
 - Scattered site
- **Community Facilities**
 - Existing system and facilities suffer from old age and deferred maintenance
 - Access to safe and sanitary water and wastewater facilities
- **Economic Development**
 - Resources for entrepreneurial and small business development
 - Access to capital
 - Coordination of funds to assist with large scale economic development projects
 - Access to broadband telecommunications
 - Economic and physical blight



From 2018 to 2022, DHCD funded these eligible grant activities:

- Planning Grants
- Community Improvement Grants





CDBG Housing Activities



What housing needs are left unmet in your communities?

How can CDBG be more useful or used more broadly in your communities?



CDBG Community Development Activities

What community development needs exist in your communities?

How can CDBG best be used to address community revitalization, business district revitalization, public services, comprehensive community development, etc.?



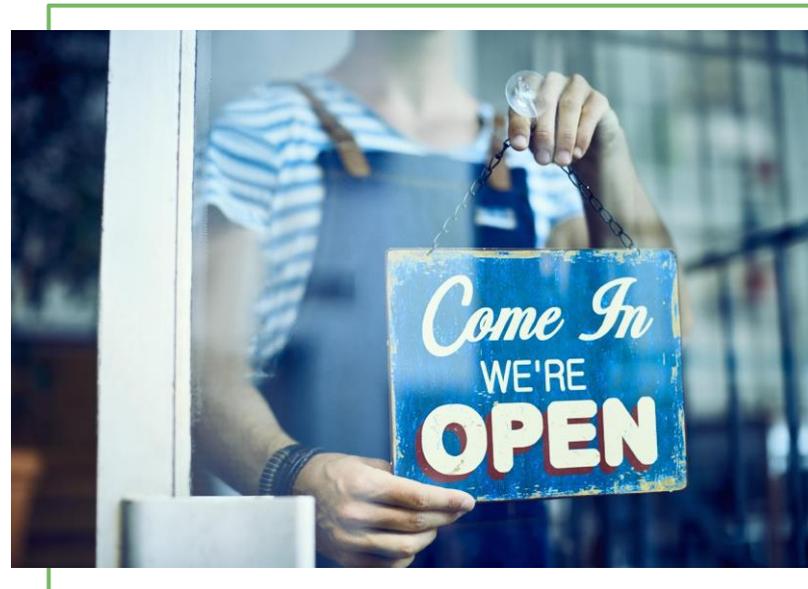


CDBG Economic Development Activities

What economic development needs exist in your communities?

How can CDBG funds best be used to support unique economic development efforts in your communities?

How can CDBG be used in conjunction with other economic development efforts?





What types of CDBG projects are you most interested in pursuing this year?

- A. Housing Rehabilitation
- B. Public Infrastructure
- C. Business District Revitalization
- D. Public Services
- E. Economic Development
- F. Planning Grants
- G. Not sure



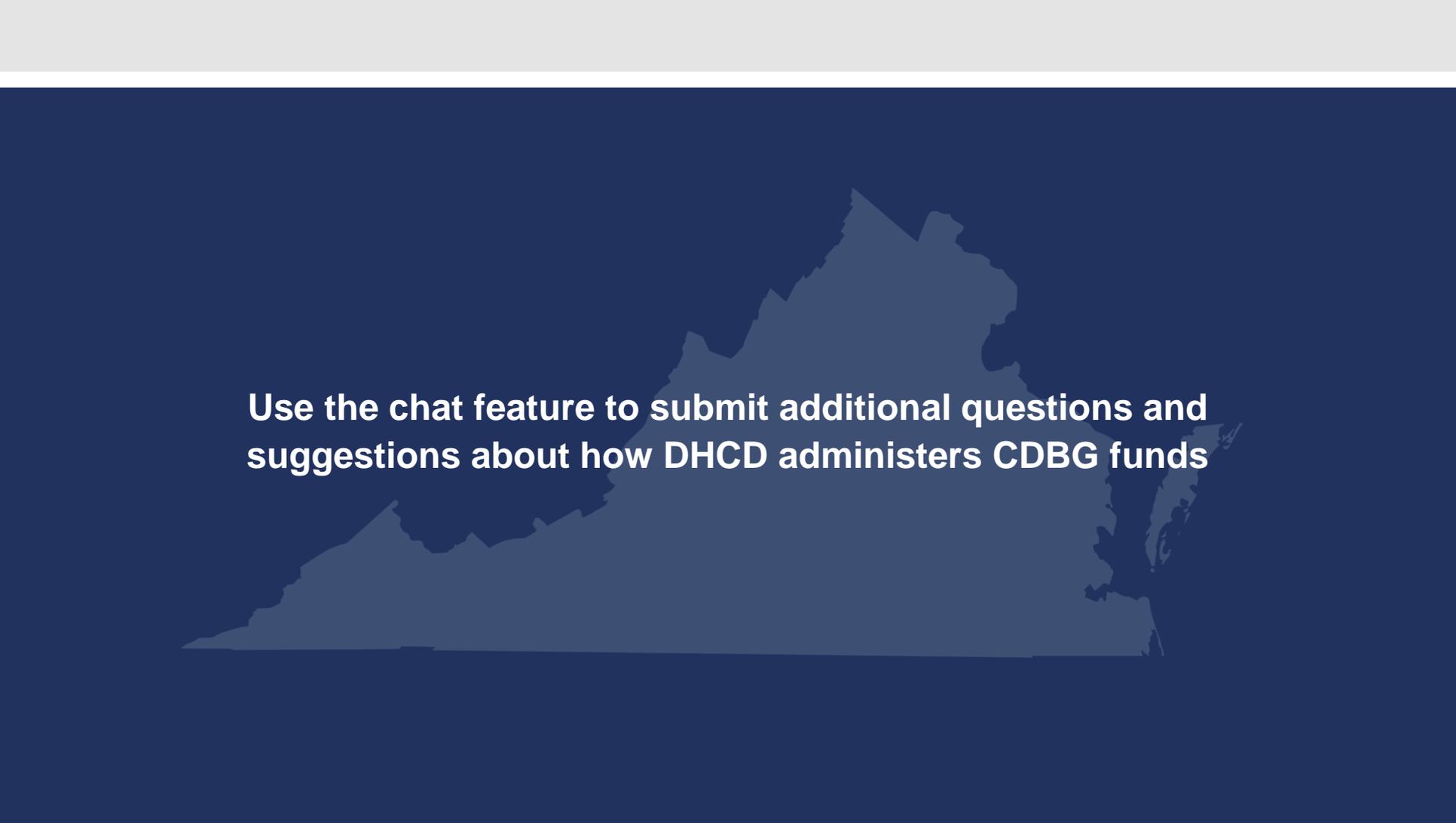
Do you plan to use CDBG to support lead alleviation and/or housing innovations activities with your projects?

- A. Yes
- B. No
- C. Not sure
- D. Not applicable



What CDBG topics are you most interested in learning more about?

- A. The wide range of CDBG eligible activities
- B. CDBG implementation regulations
- C. Financial details of CDBG management
- D. General project management
- E. Writing a solid CDBG application
- F. Other (please describe in the chat)



Use the chat feature to submit additional questions and suggestions about how DHCD administers CDBG funds



Thank you for participating in today's virtual input session!

Interested in providing additional feedback?

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